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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

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VS.  
MECHA  
SONIC



**SONIC CD  
ADAPTATION!**









**"GO  
AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"**

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# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"GO AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"

PART I

WILL YOU  
PLEASE HOLD  
STILL? THIS IS A  
VERY DELICATE  
PROCEDURE!

TWO  
WORDS, ROTOR...  
BORE-RING!

IT'S  
STARTING  
TO COME  
IN...

AHHH...





OHH... WHEN DID WE GET ZE SCI-FI CHANNEL?

HUSH, ANTOINE... BACK OFF THE LENS A BIT, ROTOR!

LENS?... HOLY FRIJOLE, IT'S A CAMERA?

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YES INDEED... THE FIBER OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNTED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOOL, BIG GUY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?

GREAT!

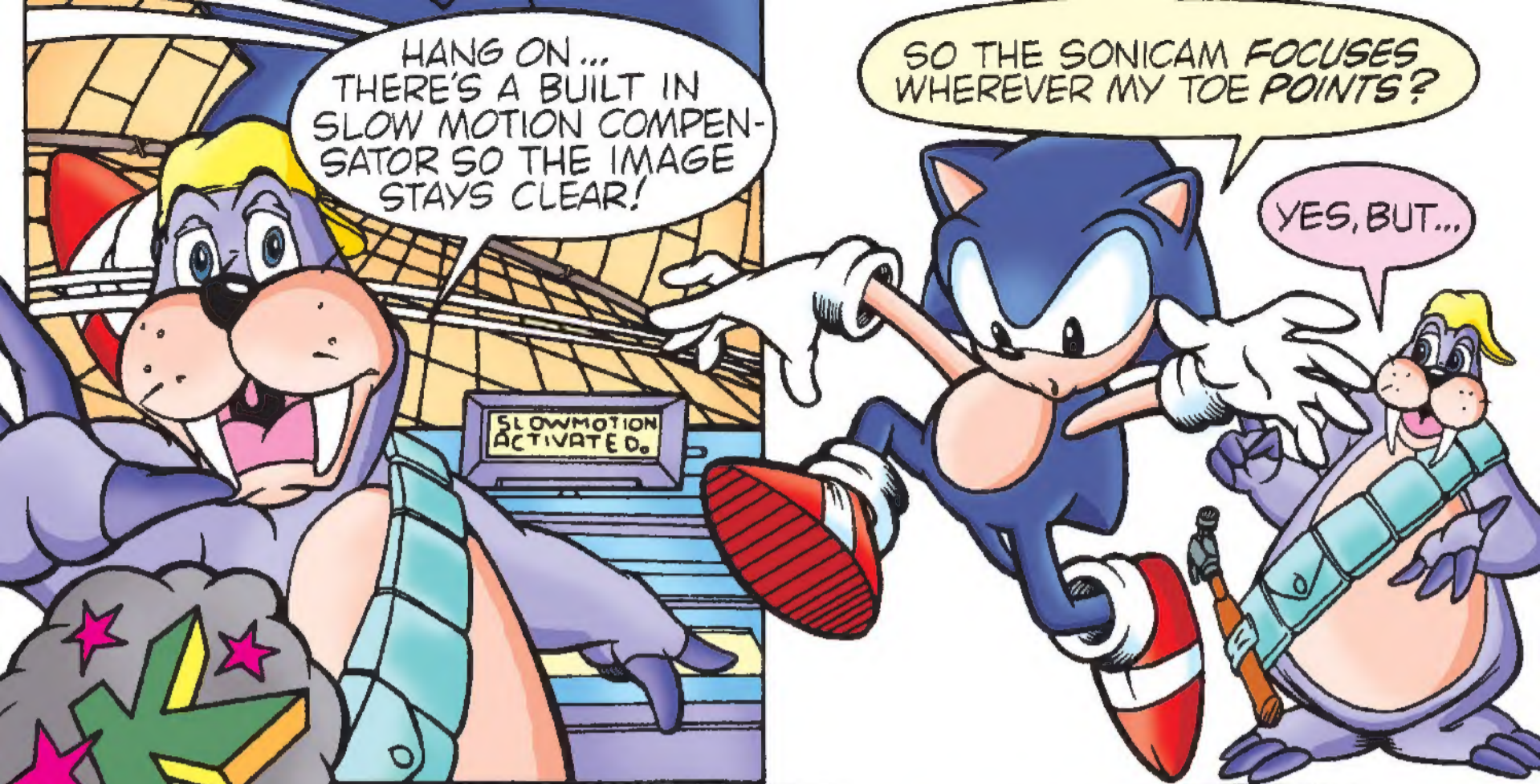
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MOTION SCAN:  
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LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS WHEN I ACCELERATE!

OOOOLP!  
OOH! IT IS GIVING ME ZE MOTION SICKNESS!



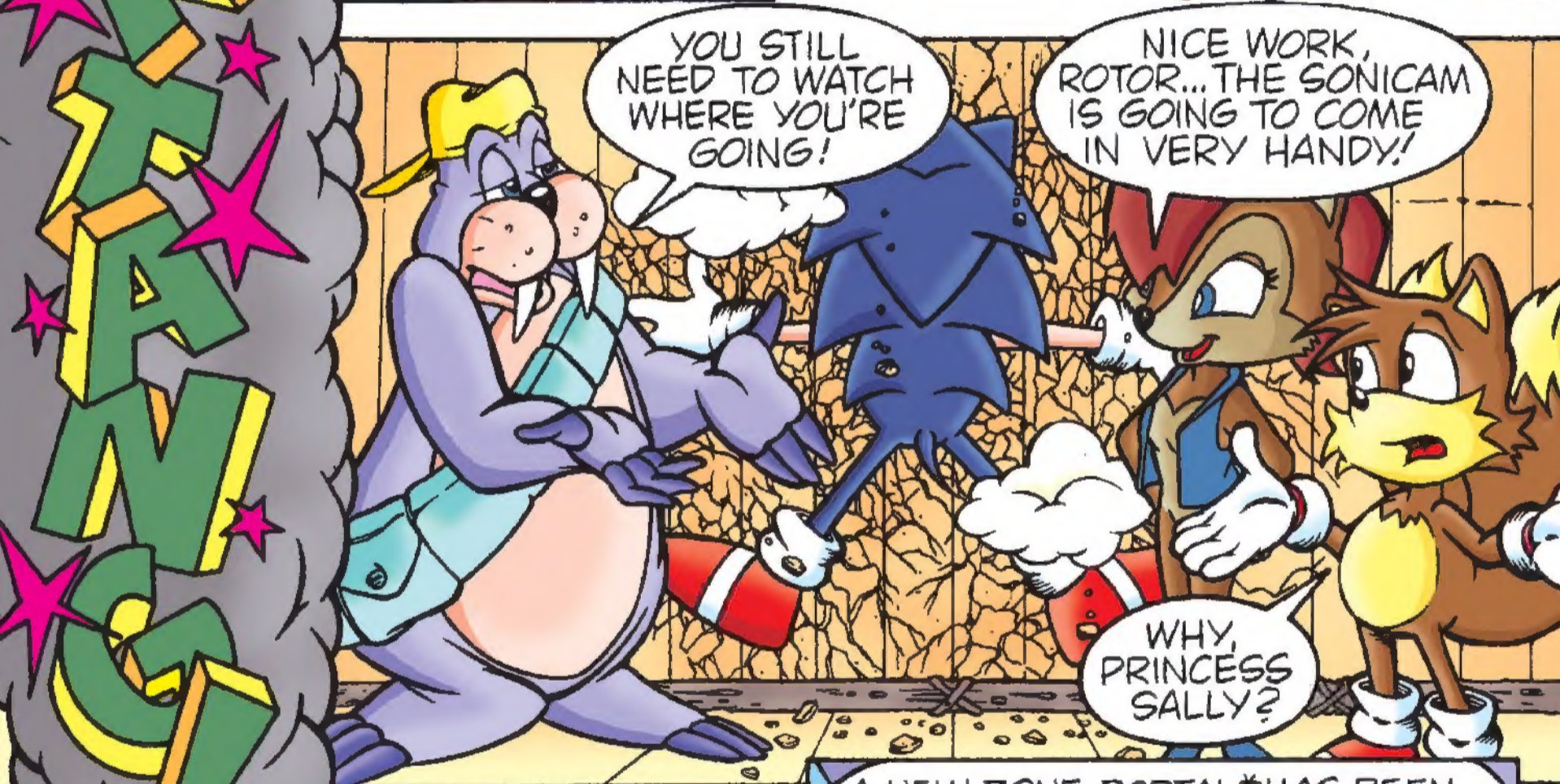


HANG ON... THERE'S A BUILT IN SLOW MOTION COMPENSATOR SO THE IMAGE STAYS CLEAR!

SO THE SONICAM FOCUSES WHEREVER MY TOE POINTS?

YES, BUT...

**KAMIG!**



YOU STILL NEED TO WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

NICE WORK, ROTOR... THE SONICAM IS GOING TO COME IN VERY HANDY!

WHY, PRINCESS SALLY?

BECAUSE ALL US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HERE IN THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER!

A NEW ZONE PORTAL\* HAS BEEN DISCOVERED RECENTLY... IT COULD BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE AND MUST BE EXPLORED! IT'S CALLED...



HUH?



\*SALLY MEANS THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC VIDEO GAMES ... Editor



THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE! PERHAPS MY MOST BRILLIANT CREATION TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK, HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR... PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN!

... BUT JUST IN CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE HIM BY MAKING USE OF THESE STOLEN SONIC-GRAM FAN LETTERS!

WHOR! TAMPERING WITH THE MAIL IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

CHORTLE-SNICKER-CACKLE! YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT... I ALLOWED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH OVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...

HA! THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE CUTTING EDGE!

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"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO-AMY ROSE..."BAH!

AWW... A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS... **HIM!**

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

**BZZZT!**  
**CLANK!**

GASP: U-YOU WOULDN'T...

AFFIRMATIVE

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!



MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

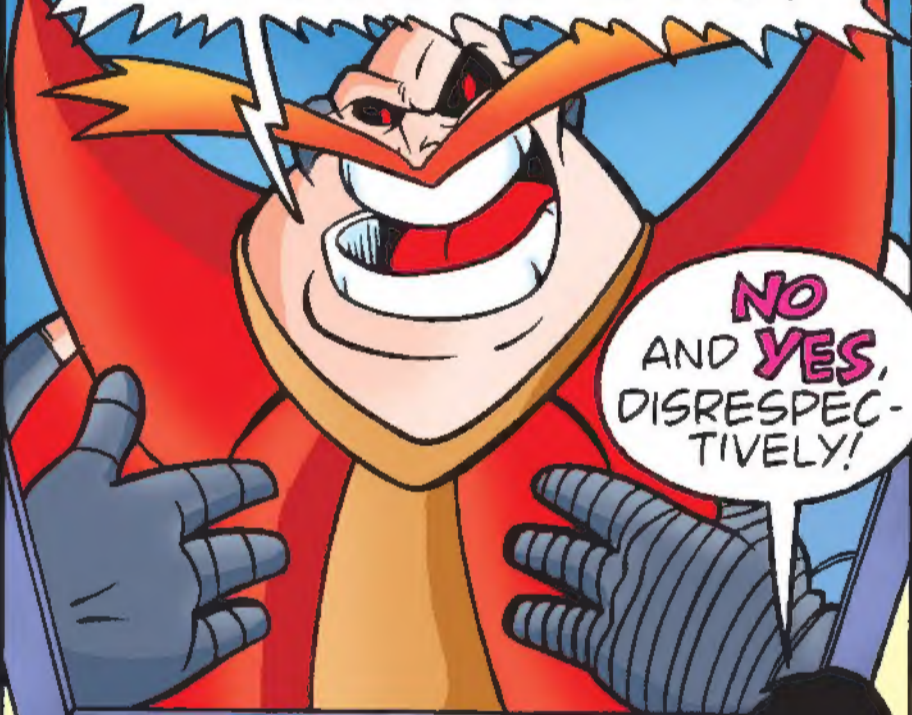


WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!



WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?



NO AND YES, DISRESPECTIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE?!..

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!



YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOG-- SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU  $\approx$ snort $\approx$  OILY SONOFA  $\approx$ woof $\approx$







HEH! HEH! OUCH-- SONIC WILL HAVE TO--OOCH--ENTER THE ZONE NOW--OW! YOUR LITTLE SPINES HURT!

**NOKI!  
NOKI!**

YOU'LL GET HURT WORSE WHEN SONIC GETS YOU!



AH, YES... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING ME--ER--YOU! WON'T I... UM... YOU COME IN?

I... I'M TRYING! WHOOP... I'M A BIT UNSTEADY...



OOOF! IT'S HARD TO KEEP MY BALANCE IN THIS COSTUME, MASTER!

YOU'RE WEARING IT FOR A REASON, SNIVELY!

**POP!**

**SPLONK!**



YOUR JOB IS TO FLY BEHIND SONIC IN MY ROBO-POD AND BURN UP THE TRAIL BEHIND HIM!

Y-Y-YESSIR!



SONIC WILL BE FORCED TO PROCEED TO THE SECOND ZONE, WHERE THE REAL CHALLENGE AWAITS--BUT IF HE LOOKS BACK, HE'LL THINK I'M FOLLOWING HIM--

WHEN ACTUALLY, I'LL BE WAITING TO SPRING MY FINAL DEADLY TRAP!

MMF

LMP

OOG

IS THIS RIGHT?



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF ORDER!

"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

PART 2

YES... LET'S HOLD A PROPER MEETING HERE!

ANTOINE

SALLY

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS RED TAPE! AMY ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS HELP FAST!

SONIC! WE INTEND TO RESCUE HER... WE'RE JUST NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY... DANGER IS MY MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

BESIDES, WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN TRAINED SPY WHO WILL SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION FROM THE AIR... RIGHT, **TAILS**?!

M-M-ME?

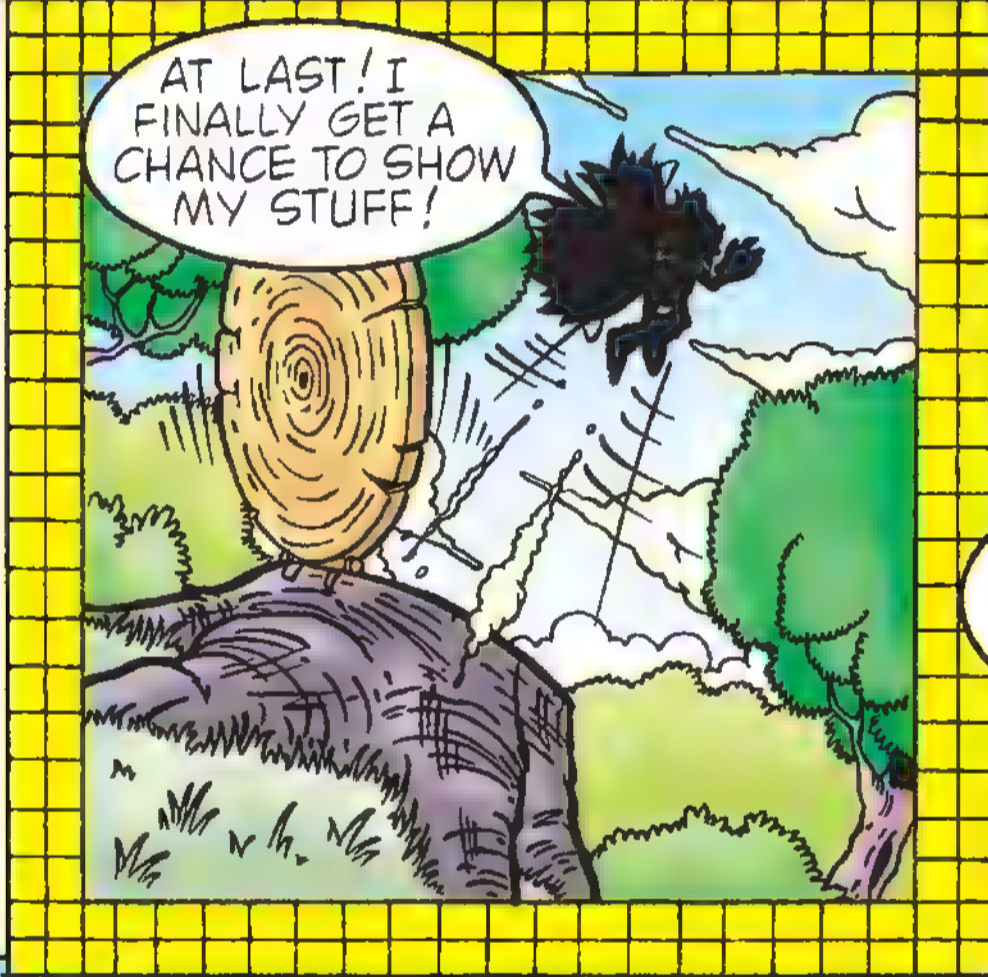




YES! FLY ON AHEAD AND GET US AN AERIAL OVERVIEW OF THIS COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

STOP! NO! THERE MUST BE A MOTION-- AND A SECOND... THEN A COMMITTEE...

:(SIGH) ROYALTY AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... I WONDER IF PRINCESS LEIA HAS DAYS LIKE THIS.

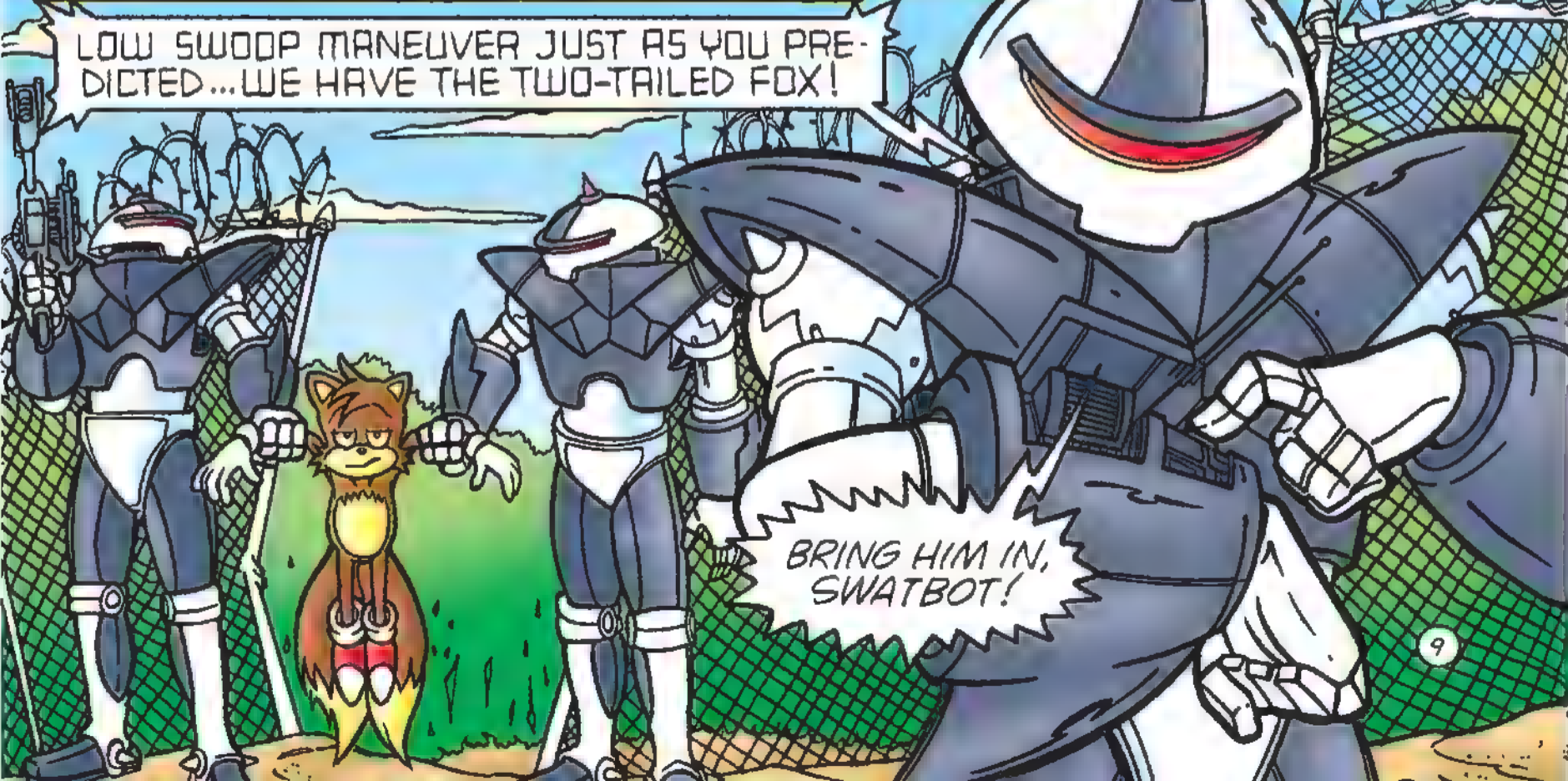


AT LAST! I FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO SHOW MY STUFF!



ACCORDING TO SALLY, THE ZONE IS WEST OF ROBOTNIK'S NEW FACTORY!

I'LL SWOOP DOWN LOW TO AVOID BEING SEEN...



LOW SWOOP MANEUVER JUST AS YOU PREDICTED... WE HAVE THE TWO-TAILED FOX!

BRING HIM IN, SWATBOT!



SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL IS RIGHT HERE... OH, YEAH!

ELISION CHAOS ZONE

**WROOAAAANNN!**

LISTEN UP, BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE AND THEN PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT!

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!

I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM FOR YOUR AGENDA, PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL SEE THAT I BEAN MUSINESS... ERR... MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT, CAMERA TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE THAT I MEAN BUSINESS

CAMERA ONE GET ME A TWO SHOT OF THE HOSTAGES ...STANDBY...

**DING!**

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED FRIEND, TAILS! NEED ANY MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

BRING IT ON, 10-W 40 BREATH!





ALL RIGHT!  
THERE'S NOTHING  
LIKE CUTTIN'  
LOOSE!

AT THAT  
MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO  
DOOFY DUPLICATE...COME  
IN, DUPLICATE...SIGH! THAT'S  
YOU, SNIVELY, YOU  
IMBECILE!!!

BOH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION  
BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

THE SONICAM'S  
FUNCTIONING  
BEAUTIFULLY!

YES, BUT  
WHAT'S THAT  
BEHIND  
SONIC?



WHERE?

THERE! YOU  
SEE IT BEST  
WHEN HIS LEG  
EXTENDS... I'LL  
FREEZE AND  
ENHANCE THE  
IMAGE!



I STILL DON'T  
GET IT!

LOOK AT  
IT UPSIDE  
DOWN...  
AHA!





IT'S SNIVELY!.. WEARING A ROBOTNIK SUIT AND BURNING SONIC'S PATH BEHIND HIM!

EGG ER PHIC ROTATE  
SUBJECT CONFIRM SNIVELY.

SO IT IS!

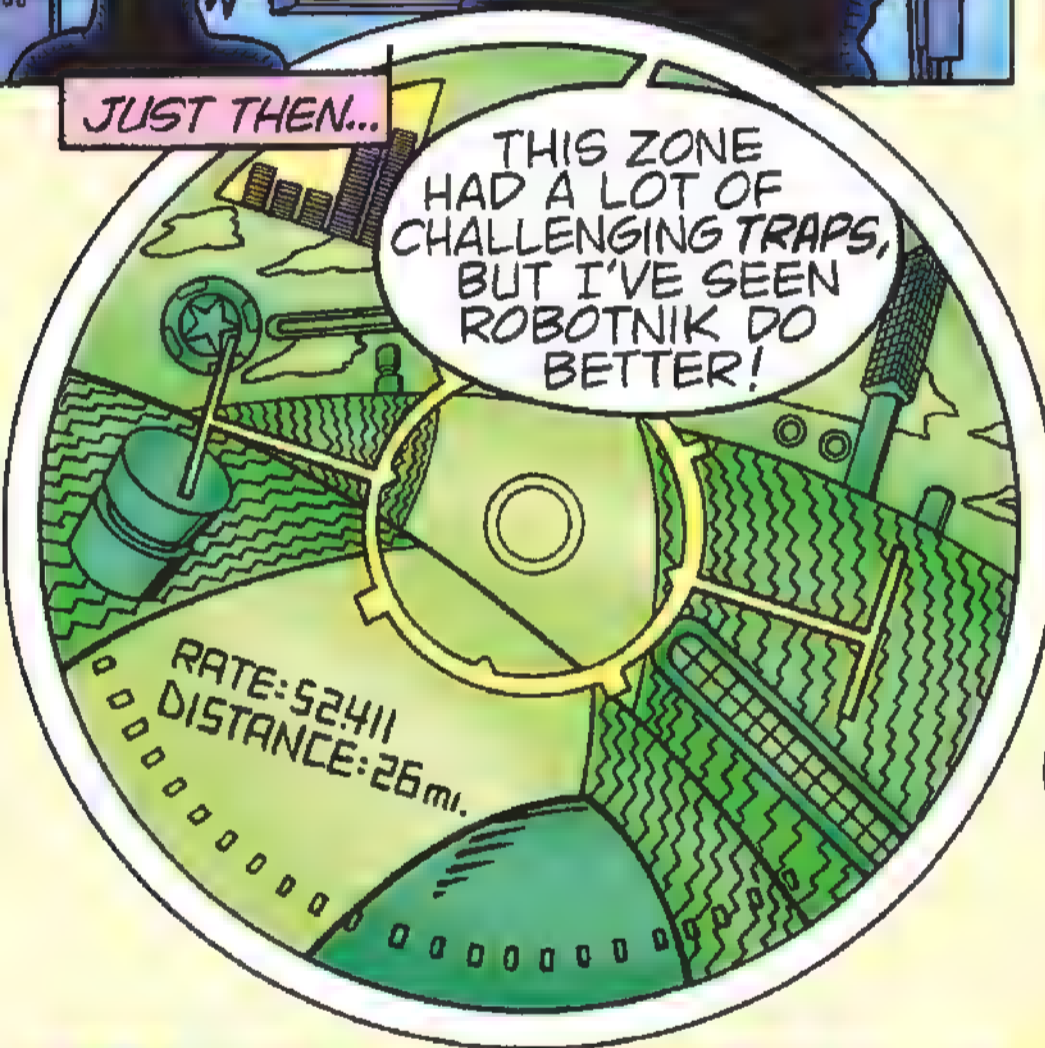
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ANOTHER OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEMES! BUT WHY IS HE SO INTENT ON HAVING SONIC GO ONE WAY?

CAN WE DISCUSS IT AFTER YOU HELP ME STAND BACK UP?



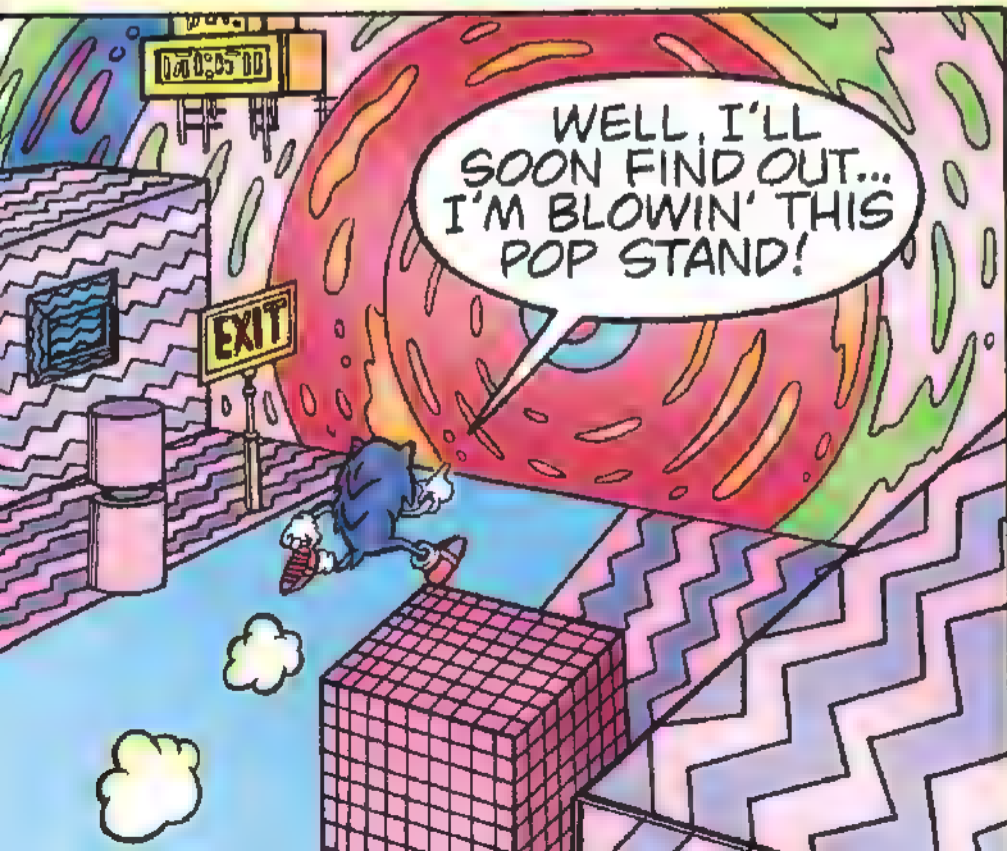
JUST THEN...

THIS ZONE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGING TRAPS, BUT I'VE SEEN ROBOTNIK DO BETTER!

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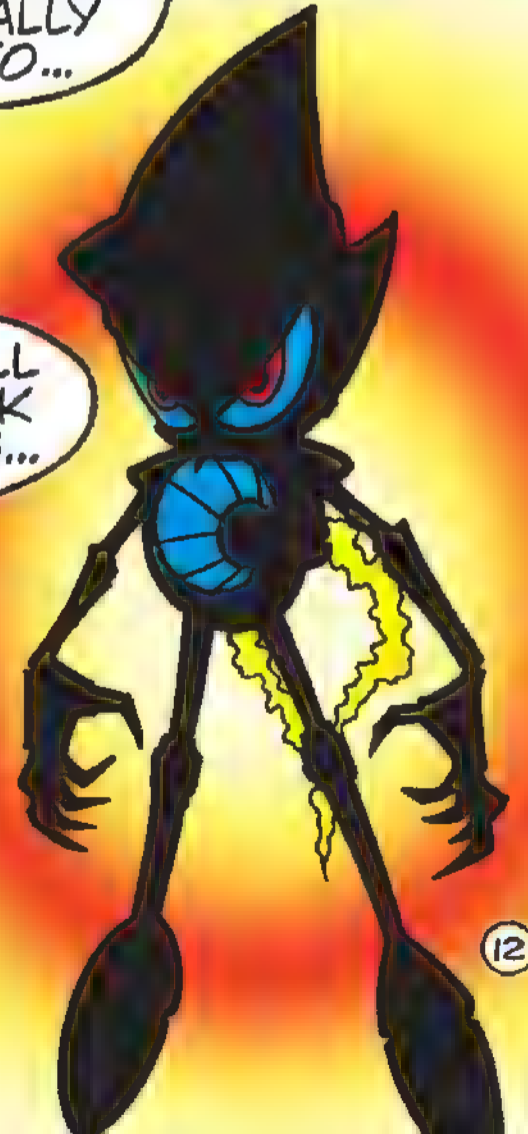


I WONDER WHAT TUBBY IS REALLY UP TO...



WELL, I'LL SOON FIND OUT... I'M BLOWIN' THIS POP STAND!

WELL, I'LL BE--LOOK WHO IT IS...





# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE  
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT  
**MECHA-SONIC!™**

"GO AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"

PART 3

I HOPE YOU'RE  
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M  
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW  
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE  
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY  
DUST... *STARDUST* THAT  
IS... AS I HEAD THROUGH  
THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY  
ZONE!* YOUR TWO LITTLE  
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR  
ME AT THE *FINISH LINE!*

I WONDER IF IT  
WOULD BE FASTER TO  
DOUBLE BACK AND... *WHOO!*  
BAG THAT IDEA-- HERE  
COMES *JELLYBELLY!*

SONIC!

HELP!



THAT MAKES AN EASY DECISION EVEN EASIER! COMIN' AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!

SNORT!

≡snicker≡ MECHA SONIC HAS ENGAGED THE HEDGEHOG!

OH BOOHOO HOOO ≡sob≡ WAHHHH!!!

≡sniffle≡ I WAS HOPING SOMEDAY SONIC WOULD GET ENGAGED TO ME!

BACK IN KNOTHOLE:

IT SEEMS THAT SONIC HAS ENTERED ANOTHER ZONE...ITS ENERGY FIELD IS INTERFERING WITH HIS SONICAM!

WHAT'S WRONG, AMY ROSE?

TRY AND GET A FIX ON HIS LAST LOCATION -- IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!



**AND IN THE STARDUST  
SPEEDWAY ZONE . . .**

HOPE YOU DON'T  
MIND IF I GET A  
JUMP ON YOU,  
METALHEAD!

**BWOING!**

SORRY...THIS  
IS A ONE-LANE  
EXIT RAMP...



COMING UP  
BEHIND YOU!

PASSING ON  
YOUR LEFT!

MOVING  
VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE  
LEAD OUT, MECHA-  
MORON!

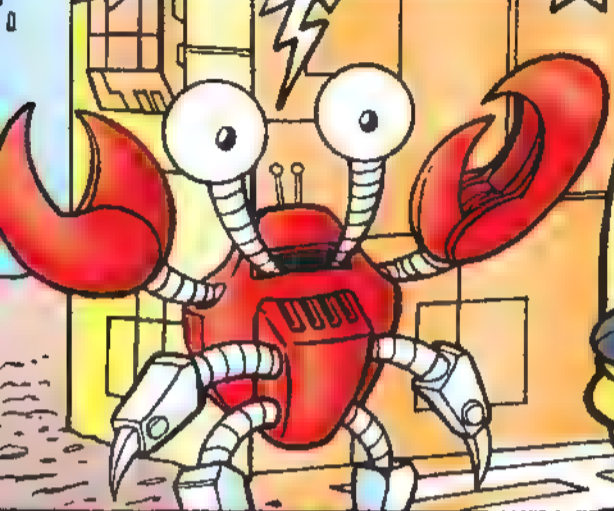
I CONTAIN NO  
LEAD... ONLY STEEL  
TITANIUM ALLOY...



AT THAT MOMENT, UP  
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

I'LL HANDLE THE  
EXPLANATION AND  
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!  
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING  
ON THE STRIPE!

EVERYTHING IS IN  
PERFECT ORDER, OH  
KING CHOLESTEROL!  
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE  
THE STARDUST ZONE...



WELL?



**THOOOM!**

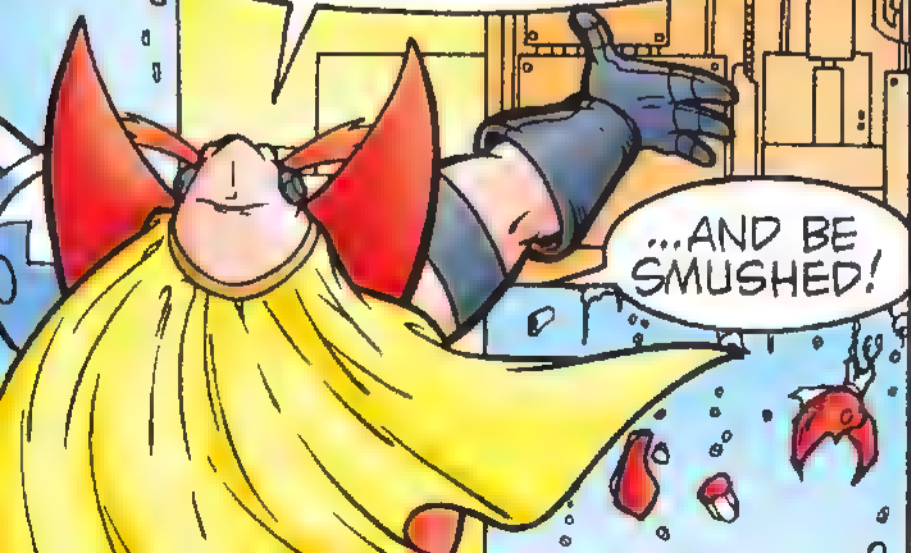
IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S PERFECT!  
IT SPELLS:  
"FINISH"!

IT'S  $\neq$ CHORTLE $\neq$  SLICKER THAN  
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD  
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST  
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS  
FINAL ARCHWAY...

THAT WAY,  
EVEN IF SONIC  
WINS...

**HE  
LOSES!**



...AND BE  
SMUSHED!





# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"

PART 4

NO WAY, SAN JOSE! NOTHING WILL SLOW ME DOWN!

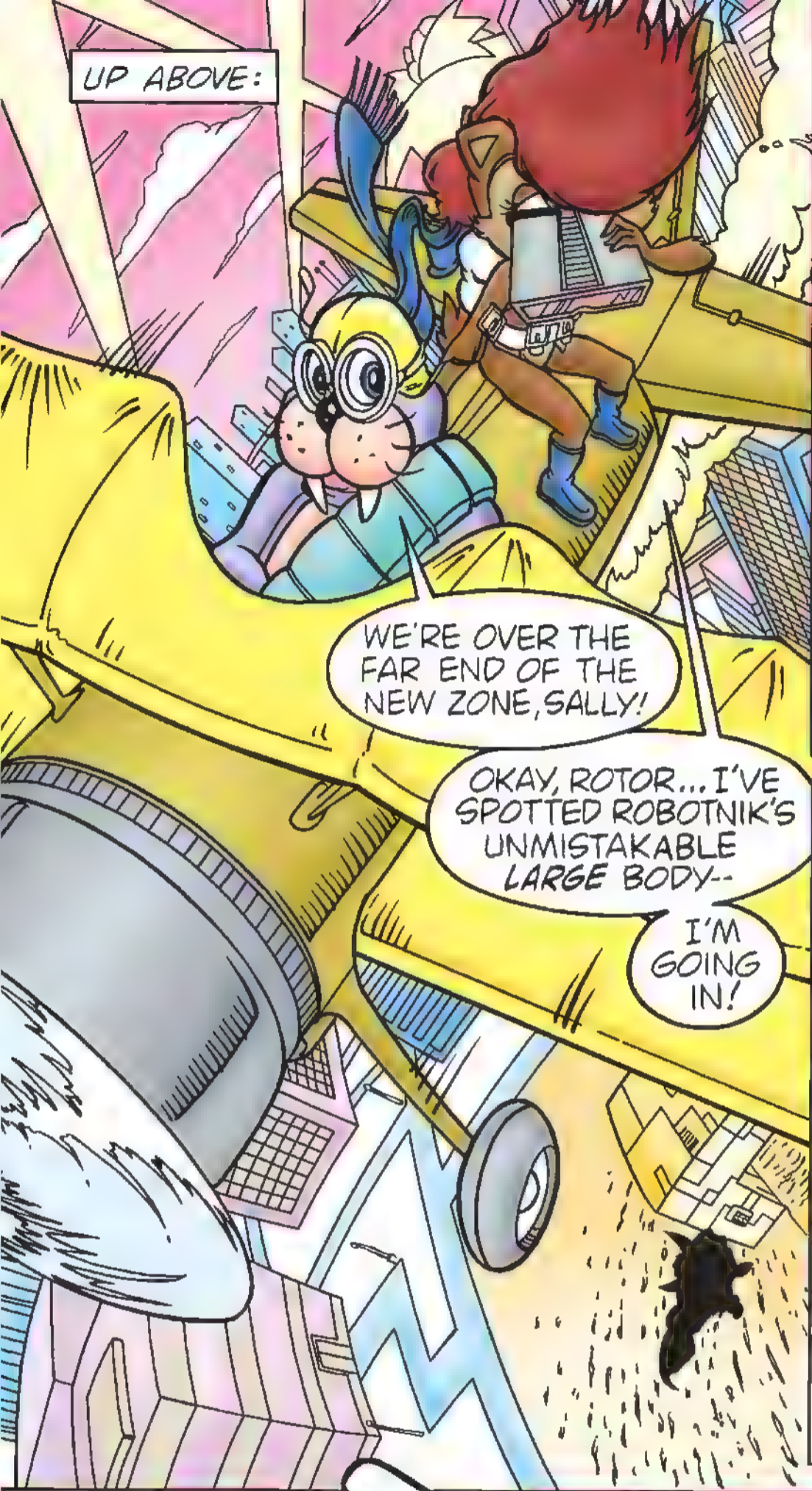
OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM-- AND THE REAL ME WAS WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UMF! THAT MIGHT DO IT!

**TRIP!**



UP ABOVE:



WE'RE OVER THE FAR END OF THE NEW ZONE, SALLY!

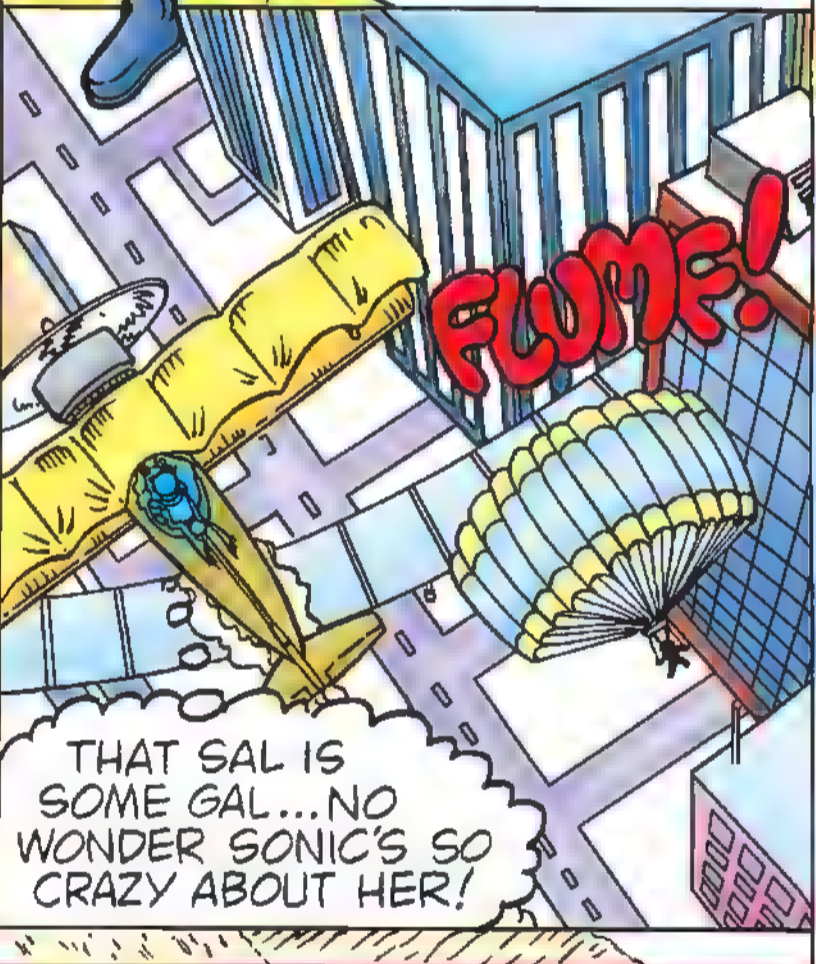
OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S UNMISTAKABLE LARGE BODY--

I'M GOING IN!



YOU'VE GOT YOUR ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK, PRINCESS!



THAT SALLY IS SOME GAL... NO WONDER SONIC'S SO CRAZY ABOUT HER!



SPEAKING OF MY LITTLE BLUE BUDDY, I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW...



HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG-- HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS NEW MOVE FOR A WHILE...

THE FIGURE EIGHT SUPER PEEL-OUT!

ONCE I DO IT, I MOVE AT WARP SPEED!

I SHALL PURSUE!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!  
:BZZT: MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND--  
:SQUEE: MAXIMUM!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT GENERATED BY SPEED AND FRICTION IS MELTING MY METAL LEGS!

WHEEEEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T TASTE THE CHILI DOGS, STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN!



SURRENDER,  
SNIVELY!

OKAY,  
OKAY!

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UMF! OH NO!  
SONIC WENT THROUGH  
THE ARCH--I MISSED  
MY CHANCE!

GET AWAY  
FROM THAT BUTTON,  
ROBOTNIK!

YES! THE  
CROWD GOES  
WILD!

MY  
HERO!

OUR  
HERO!



BAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! MY PLAN WAS SO FOOLPROOF...  
≡WHINE≡

WHAT? THAT DEVICE HOUSED IN THE ARCH? I SAW IT COMING A MILE AWAY!

QUIT YOUR BELLYACHING... I'LL STAND UNDER IT IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...

Y-YOU WUH-WILL?..

OKAY, CHUBSY-UBSY... FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I SHALL...

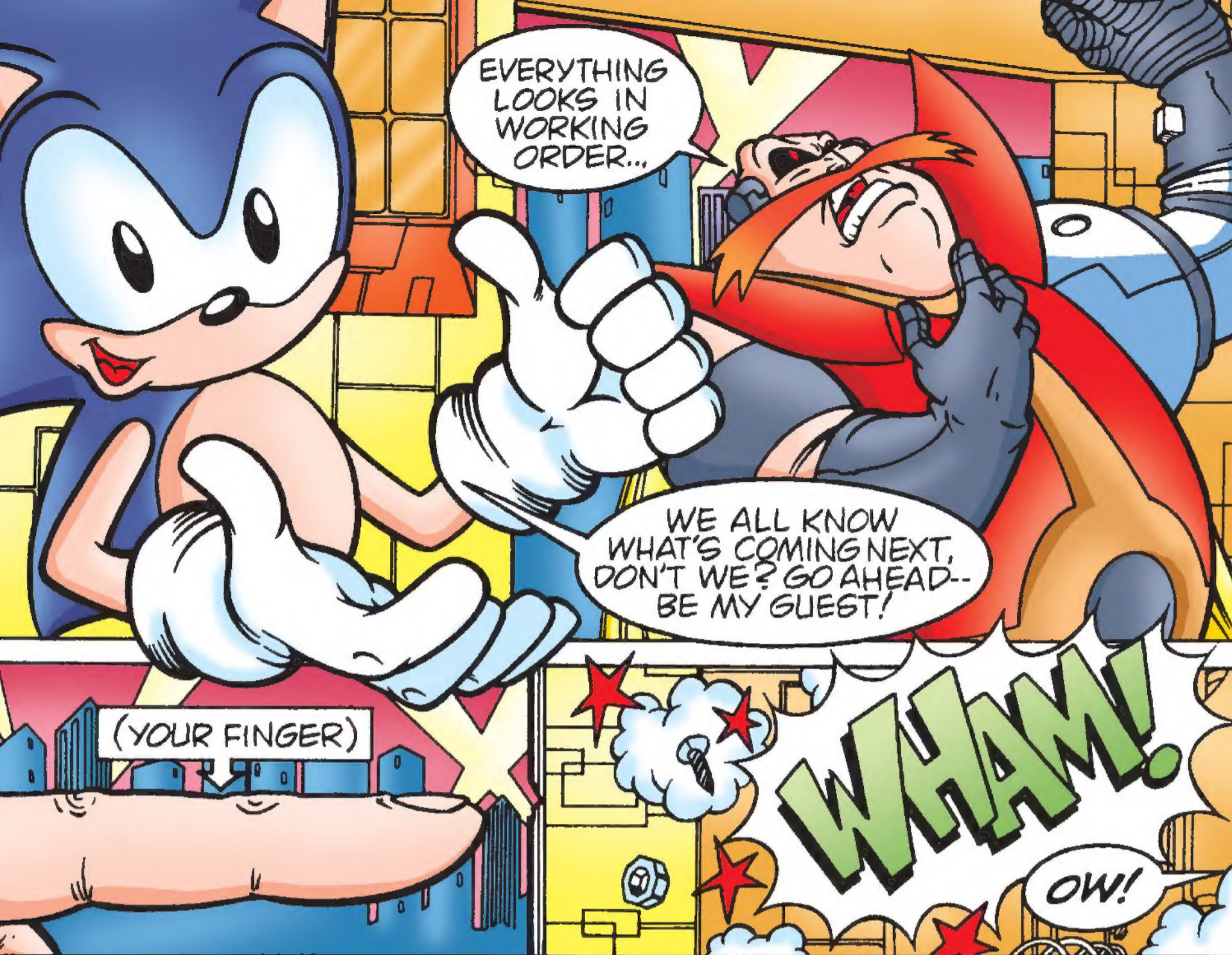
MISSED ME! NYUK! NYUK!

GAME, SET AND MATCH!

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT I PERSONALLY DESIGNED THIS DEVICE! WHAT WENT WRONG?





EVERYTHING LOOKS IN WORKING ORDER...

WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT, DON'T WE? GO AHEAD-- BE MY GUEST!

(YOUR FINGER)

**WHAM!**

OW!



**SONIC and FRIENDS**  
**25 ISSUES AND GOING STRONG!**

STAY TUNED...WE'RE JUST WARMING UP!

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

**THE END**